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In re Application of:

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For Heat-Treating

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AMENDMENT D (AFTER FINAL)

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 16, 2005, a RCE being submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: